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HOUSE BILL NO. 1481 (Substitute for House Bill No. 1025 by Representative Landry)

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

SCHOOLS/BOARDS: Provides relative to the notification given to parents regarding school dress code policies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.7, relative to school boards; to require school boards to
3 notify parents prior to implementing new school uniform policies or changing
4 existing school uniform policies; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.7 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §416.7. Dress codes; authorization; notification requirement

9 A.(1) Each city, or parish, or other local public school board may adopt such
10 rules and regulations as it deems necessary to~~require~~ implement a school dress code,
11 which ~~may include~~ include the use of uniforms. Each school may select a uniform
12 for its students and shall display such uniform for a reasonable period prior to the
13 ~~beginning of each school year.~~ proposed effective date of the dress code.

14 (2) If a city, or parish, or other local public school board ~~chooses to require~~
15 adopts a school dress code, ~~as provided in this Section~~ it shall notify, in writing, the
16 parent or guardian of each ~~school~~ student of the dress code specifications and their
17 effective date.

18 (3) If a city, parish, or other local public school board adopts a new uniform
19 policy or to modify an existing uniform policy, it shall notify, in writing, the parent
20 or guardian of each student of the uniform policy adoption or uniform policy

1 modification at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the policy or
2 modification to the policy.

3 B.(1) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a city, parish, or other local public
4 school board from requiring a new dress code or uniform policy or modifying an
5 existing dress code or uniform policy without providing the required notice in the
6 event of what the school board deems an emergency. For the purposes of this
7 Subsection, "emergency" means an actual or imminent threat to health or safety
8 which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

9 (2) Nothing ~~herein~~ in this Section shall require the additional expenditure of
10 school or school board funds.

DIGEST

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HB No. 1481

Abstract: Provides relative to the notification given to parents regarding school dress code policies.

Present law authorizes a public school board to adopt a school dress code, including uniforms. Requires that the board notify parents regarding the specifications of the policy and its effective date. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the board adopts a uniform, the board shall display the uniform prior to the beginning of each school year. Proposed law requires such display for a reasonable time prior to the effective date of the policy.

Proposed law provides specifically with respect to uniform policies. Requires the board to notify the parents in writing at least 60 days prior to the effective date of an adoption or modification of a uniform policy.

Proposed law provides an exception from the notification requirements of present law and proposed law if there is an emergency.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.7)